

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF CROYDON
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1865.

DISBURSEMENTS.

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.	William Smith,	\$ 70.42
" " 2.	Welcome P. Partridge,	192.29
" " 3.	Nathan C. Kempton,	108.30
" " 4.	William W. Rider,	47.94
" " 5.	Peter Hurd,	57.17
" " 6.	Gilman Stockwell,	38.03
" " 7.	Alfred Ward,	11.83
" " 9.	Addison Cutting,	10.98
" " 10.	Richard Clough,	15.56
		\$552.52

Paid State Tax,	1,070.00
County Tax,	403.45
	\$1,473.45

Paid Martin A. Barton for plank and timber,	12.00
Cyrus Hale, for labor on highway,	.73
Peter Hurd, for plank,	4.00
Martin C. Bartlett, for plank,	250
Lester Blanchard, for plank,	2.06
John Hurd, for timber and plank,	5.00
John Hurd, for breaking road in Alfred Ward's District,	1.50
Joel Ferry, for plank in 1863,	.90
Sylvester Rowell, repairing highway,	15.00
Sylvester Rowell, for plank,	4.96
Daniel Ide, coffin for Horace Bartlett,	6.00
Daniel Ide, for robe for Horace Bartlett,	2.00
W. H. Eastman. preaching funeral sermon for Horace Bartlett,	2.00
Gilman Stockwell, repairing road,	11.00

Paid Kimball Lovrin, plank,	4.06	
Washington Stockwell, work on road,	5.00	
John Lovrin, repairing road,	5.00	
Jeremiah Haynes, work on road,	3.00	
John Cooper, tolling bell,	2.25	
D. D. Marsh, plank,	2.00	
D. D. Marsh, for nails,	.75	
Benjamin F. Dame, repairing bridge,	1.50	
Mason Hatch, Instrument for D. Harding,	2.00	
C. F. Hall, journey to West Lebanon,	2.50	
E. Jacobs, journey to West Lebanon,	2.00	
O. C. Forehand, do. do.	2.50	
D. M. Whipple, do. do.	2.50	
Otis Cooper, for watering trough on highway.	2.50	
	—	\$107.2
Paid Robe for James Pollard,	3.75	
Coffin for James Pollard,	9.25	
Marshall Putnam, opening four graves,	8.00	
Hiram P. Kempton, opening three graves,	4.00	
Wesley Kempton, opening one grave,	2.00	
	—	\$27.00

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Stephen P. Whitney for support of James Pollard and wife,	183.00
Joel Ferry, for keeping Jeremiah Rawson while lame,	20.00
Alanson C. Barton, keeping Charles Day one year,	156.60
Alanson C. Barton, for keeping Rebecca Powers, from March, 1864 to June 6, 1864,	17.15
Timothy G. Powers, for keeping Rebecca Powers from June, 6, 1864 to March, 20, 1865,	98.00
Nathaniel P. Stevens, for keeping Mrs. Hyde, one year,	65.00
James Eastman, for keeping Samuel Eastman, one year,	100.00
Clothing for Samuel Eastman,	11.82
Clothing for Charles Day,	4.33
Sophronia Stockwell, support of Ellen Stockwell,	30.00
Joseph Crocker, for keeping W. S. Carroll, one year,	65.00
Clothing for W. S. Carroll,	10.00
Henry Bartlett, for keeping Horace Bartlett,	52.00
Anganett Harding, for keeping Horace Bartlett,	27.50
Stephen P. Whitney, for taking care of Horace Bartlett,	2.50

Paid Marshall Putnam, taking care of Horace Bartlett,	1.00
George Jacobs, taking care of Horace Bartlett,	.50
John Hurd, keeping Darius Hall, one year,	45.00
Clothing for Darius Hall,	17.16
David Harding, for keeping Lydia Harding, one year,	91.00
Clothing for Lydia Harding,	14.69
Alanson Barton and Amos Kidder, for supporting Mary Kennerson one year,	39.00
Clothing M. Kennerson,	12.05
Marshall Putnam and Caleb Putnam, for keeping Abigail Chase one year,	53.16
Clothing Abigail Chase,	9.73
Lemuel P. Cooper, supporting Jenny Katterson one year,	36.00
Abial Lane, supporting Mary Lane one year,	78.00
Abial Lane, supporting Mariam Butman,	33.86
George Angel, keeping Mrs. Butman,	6.00
John Hurd, supporting Liveria Chase one year,	45.00
Medicine for Mary Lane,	11.40
Provision for T. Lynn and family,	2.42
For pair of boots for Jeremiah Rawson,	4.50
For ~~nutmegs~~ for Jeremiah Rawson,	2.00
	\$1345.37

Paid D. D. Marsh, doctoring Mary Lane,	\$4.00
Dr. Marsh, doctoring Mary Pollard,	2.50
Thomas Sanborn, doctoring James Pollard,	2.00
Dr. Barton, doctoring James Pollard,	1.00
Dr. Marsh, doctoring Rebecca Powers,	13.00
Dr. Barton, doctoring Charles Day,	9.50
Dr. Barton, doctoring Lydia Harding,	10.50
	\$42.50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Barton, assessed in 1863,	\$1.00
N. F. Putnam, assessed in 1863,	2.33
Lyman Whipple, assessed in 1863,	6.76
Sanford T. Barton, assessed in 1863,	2.33
Interest on above Taxes,	.75
Wesley, Kempton, assessed in 1864,	3.00
	\$16.17

Paid William W. Hall, journey to Bridgewater and expenses,	10.00
Ruel Durkee, journey to Bridgewater and expenses,	10.00
Moses Whipple, interest on note,	81.00

Paid Daniel Ide, interest on note,	45.00	
John Blanchard, interest on note,	12.00	
Rueben Cooper, do.	39.60	
Worthen Hall, do.	59.90	
Adam Rand, do.	18.00	
Pliny Hall, do.	54.00	
Loyd D. Forehand, do.	10.50	
Ruel Durkee, do.	47.00	
Bounty to ten soldiers,	2,006.00	
Ruel Durkee, for Stationery, blanks, postage, and stamps for notes,	10.00	
For printing this Report,	16.00	
State aid to 1st day of March,	718.55	
		\$3,137.55
Paid Ruel Durkee, services as Selectman,	35.00	
William W. Hall, do.	25.00	
Daniel Ide, do,	15.00	
Nathan Hall, services as town Clerk,	15.00	
John Cooper, services as Superintending School Committee,	15.00	
O. C. Forehand, services as Collector of taxes,	20.00	
		\$125.00
Total amount paid out,		\$6,826.77

The Selectmen have credited the Town as follows :

By list of taxes assessed and delivered to the collector,	3,391.56	
By Literary Fund,	63.56	
Interest on school notes,	61.88	
Last year's selectmen,	24.68	
Lemuel P. Cooper for Joel Chase,	20.00	
		\$3,561.68

Received of the County of Sullivan, for the
support of the following paupers ;

James Pollard and wife,	\$189.50	
Mary Kinnerson,	51.05	
Abigail Chase,	60.64	
Jenny Katterson,	36.00	
Mary Lane,	93.40	
Miriam Butman,	39.86	
Liveria Chase,	45.00	
		\$515.45
Received of Worthen Hall,	2000.00	
" " Daniel L. Powers,	300.00	
" " Anthony C. Hardy,	175.00	
" " David Sherman,	979.69	

Received of James P. Darling,	100.00
" " Hial Flanders,	100.00
" " Caleb L. Barton,	800.00
" " Leroy Forehand,	200.00
" " Charles Partridge,	300.00
	\$4954.69
Total amount received,	9031.82
Total amount paid out,	6826.77
Leaving a balance in the treasury of	2205.05

The town owe two notes to Reuben Cooper amounting to	650.00
The town owe three notes to Worthen Hall amounting to	2,665.00
The town owe one note to Adam Rand amounting to	300.00
The town owe one note to Moses Whipple amounting to	1,350.00
The town owe one note to Daniel Ide amounting to	750.00
The town owe one note to John Blanchard amounting to	200.00
The town owe two notes to Pliny Hall amounting to	900.00
The town owe one note to Loyd D. Forehand amounting to	175.00
The town owe one note to Daniel L. Powers amounting to	300.00
The town owe one note to Anthony C. Hardy amounting to	175.00
The town owe two notes to David Sherman amounting to	979.69
The town owe one note to James P. Darling amounting to	100.00
The town owe one note to Hial Flanders amounting to	100.00
The town owe one note to Caleb L. Barton amounting to	800.00
The town owe one note to Leroy Forehand amounting to	200.00
The town owe two notes to Charles S. Partridge amounting to	300.00
	\$9,954.69
Money in the Treasury,	2,205.05
Due from the State for State aid,	718.55
	\$2,923.60

DANIEL IDE,

Selectmen
of
Croydon.

Now, the parents of which I am speaking, commit a two-fold error. They value money or some sensual indulgence too highly, while they vastly undervalue the cultivation of the mind. Who can correctly estimate the value of a thorough common

school education? Can such an education be estimated in money? Would it be wise in one thus educated, to exchange it—were such an exchange possible—for the best landed estate in this town? Certainly not. Such an education is as much above the paltry consideration of dollars and cents, as mind is above matter. Indeed, it is above all price. To say nothing of the repeated mortification to which the ignorant man is exposed in being obliged to make a cross instead of writing his name, and of employing others to do his business and conduct his correspondence, the most lamentable fact of all is that ignorance dwarfs the mind. The unlettered man is in a measure shut out from the intellectual world, and has but little more chance for improvement than one born without the sense of hearing. The unlettered man is also deprived of much actual enjoyment; for the treasures of learning are to him a sealed book. While, on the other hand, the man of reading has an inexhaustible fund of enjoyment in perusing the writings of the great and good who have gone before him. Mines of untold wealth are opened before him; and he can continually store his mind with the richest treasures drawn from the lore of ancient and modern times. Not only does he become acquainted with the news of the day, but the mysteries of science, and the sublime truths of Revelation are spread before him. The educated man with his books is never alone.

Some parents, I am happy to say, duly appreciate their educational privileges and appear disposed to make the most of them. Such, however, is not the case with all. But if a parent, instead of teaching his children by precept and example, to become the counterpart of Bunyan's man with the "muck rake," would encourage them in their studies; if he, instead of ignoring the advantages of education, and pursuing the narrow, miserable policy of calling all time wasted that is not spent in manual labor, would furnish his home with suitable books and give his children time to read them, and thus store their minds with useful knowledge, when at the same time a taste for reading would be cultivated, he would do more for their real improvement and happiness, than he would if, pursuing an opposite course, he should at last bequeath them the richest legacy in the gift of Mammon.

In the following remarks each school will be reported separately.

DISTRICT No. 1. The **SUMMER TERM** was a profitable one, the pupils making considerable progress. The **WINTER TERM** was conducted by a teacher of good education and considerable experience, but of defective government. Had all of the large pupils conducted with propriety, a profitable school would have been the result. But some of them, choosing most unwisely to take advantage of the laxness of discipline, conducted themselves in such a manner, as to render the school nearly a failure. But little improvement was visible at the closing examination.

DISTRICT No. 2. The **SUMMER TERM** was excellent, the teacher managing this large school with much tact and skill. The order and discipline were good, and the progress made, was alike creditable to teacher and pupils. A **FALL TERM** of about four weeks duration, was taught with good success, by the same teacher.—The **WINTER TERM** in the Juvenile Department, was as usual under the present teacher, a decided success. It came up fully to any school heretofore held in that Department. The Principal Department was conducted with much ability, the teacher proving herself fully competent to manage the school. The order and discipline were good, while marked improvement was made in the studies pursued.—The closing examinations in both departments, were enlivened by the presence of visitors outnumbering the pupils in attendance.

DISTRICT No. 3. The **SUMMER TERM** in this district was a good one, the teacher and her pupils acquitting themselves in a manner creditable to both. A **FALL TERM**, commencing Aug. 29th, was held here, attended with like success. The **WINTER TERM** was an excellent school. The order and discipline were all

that could be desired, and the improvement and progress were as rapid as was compatible with thoroughness. That the pupils had been fully aroused, was apparent at the closing examination. No impatience, or indifference even was manifested during a continuous session of more than four hours. In a word, this school may be considered a *model* one.

DISTRICT No. 4. No SUMMER TERM was held. The WINTER TERM commenced auspiciously. At the opening examination the school was apparently well organized, and the teacher active, energetic and amply qualified to perform the duties of her office. I have since made inquiries respecting the school, of persons residing in the district, and have been told that it was progressing finely. At my second visit I found an excellent school. The teacher had evidently been faithful in the discharge of her duties.

DISTRICT No. 5. When I visited the school at the commencement of the SUMMER TERM it appeared well. The literary qualifications of the teacher were amply sufficient, and she was a young lady of blameless morals, and of considerable experience in teaching. But as I was unable to revisit the school at its close, I cannot report its actual progress. The WINTER TERM was commenced by Miss Howard, of Acworth. But after teaching about a week she was obliged, on account of illness to relinquish her school. Miss Eastman, of Springfield, was then obtained to keep out the term. The school, under Miss Eastman's management, was of some value, the pupils generally making a moderate degree of improvement. But it was apparent that it had fallen below the standard in that district. The teacher failed to secure that confidence and co-operation of both parents and pupils, which is indispensable to insure success.

DISTRICT No. 6. The SUMMER TERM in this district was a profitable one, the pupils making as much improvement as could be reasonably expected in a school so short and small. The school appeared well at the beginning of the WINTER TERM and bid fair to be a useful one. But I cannot tell whether this promise was fulfilled, for, as I was not notified of its close I did not re-visit it, nor have I received the Register furnished the teacher.

The following Table gives further information respecting each of your schools.

JOHN COOPER.

TABLE.

No. of Districts.	Terms.—1 Summer or Fall; 2 Winter.	Names of Teachers.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. of Pupils.	Average Number.	No. of Visitors.	Visits of Super'ing School Committee.	Wages of Teachers a Month.
1	1	Miss Maria M. Atwell,	8	15	10	5	2	\$ 9.00
	2	Mr. David M. Atwell,	7	23	21		2	22.00
	1	Miss Ellen Cooper,	10	53	45	50	2	18.00
2	1	Miss Ellen Cooper,	4				1	
	2	Miss Susan G. Johnson,	11½	35	31	33	2	20.00
	2	Miss Ellen Cooper,	11½	32	27	61	2	20.00
	1	Miss Anna McLaughlin,	9	26	21	35	2	13.00
3	1	Miss Anna McLaughlin,	5	22	20	5	1	16.00
	2	Miss Mary S. Hall,	7	30	27		2	27.00
4	2	Miss Vesta E. Huntress,	12	16	11½	20	2	16.00
	1	Miss Stella V. Marsh,	10	21	17	34	1	16.00
5	2	Miss Clara A. Howard,						
	2	Miss Hattie W. Eastman,	8½	27	23	20	2	20.00
6	1	Miss Celinda Barton,	6	9	8	15	2	
		Miss Maria M. Atwell,					1	